

CIP Interview Questions & Notes - DRAFT

Name: _____

Date & Time: _____

Affiliation: _____

Introduction/General Questions

How long have you lived in the area?

Are you familiar with the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company Plant site? ____ Yes ____ No

How did you first become aware of contamination associated with the Site?

What do you know about the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company Plant site and contamination (in soils, sediments, groundwater and surface water)?

What are your concerns about the contamination or the site?

Have you spoken to anyone about your concerns? If so, who and when?

Do you know if anything has been done to address these concerns?

Are you aware of any activities that are currently underway to clean up environmental contamination at the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company Plant site?

Information Needs

Are you currently receiving information about the site's environmental issues?

Is the information clear and easy to understand? If not, describe the areas where you believe the community may need assistance understanding and responding to information about the site.

What would you like to know more about/what type of information should EPA share with the community?

Have you attended any community meetings regarding the cleanup activities?

If no, is there a reason you have not attended?

How effective do you feel these community meetings have been?

Do you have any suggestions to improve the effectiveness of these meetings?

What are the issues or areas in which the community may require assistance in order to participate meaningfully in the Superfund decision-making process? What type of assistance do you believe would be most helpful?

Are there particular community members or stakeholders affected by the site who may need additional assistance understanding site information and what it may mean to them? Are these stakeholder groups reached by existing organizations that serve the broader community?

Risk Communication

EPA has heard that community members would like to learn more about the scope of site contamination— what do you know and what would you like to learn?

Commented [EC1]: Josie, Is there something equivalent to this that you have heard on the calls? Has EPA heard that community members would like to learn more about the contamination?

Level of Confidence

What has your experience been with EPA and the State and any other government agencies or officials?

Commented [JT2R1]: I checked my notes from the calls I have attended, and could not find (or remember) similar content. However, I know from the Google Alerts I read that the community is concerned about the scope of the contamination and the effect it is having on nearby rivers. <http://flatheadbeacon.com/2016/05/27/epa-oversight-cfac-site-critical-protect-communitys-future/>

How you receive information/suggestions

Where or who do you usually get information from about the contamination or the site? Where or who would you go to for information about the contamination or the site?

Commented [EC3R1]: Great, thanks! We can keep this in and see what they think

Would English be the preferred language when receiving information about the site? What about the rest of the community?

How do you feel about the level of community involvement and outreach from the Project to the residences and businesses affected by the site?

Do you feel you have been kept adequately informed? If not, what can be done to change this?

How can EPA reach those that live in remote areas that want to stay informed?

What is the best way for you to get **information about EPA’s site cleanup** activities? (Facebook, Email, Open House, Newsletters, fact sheets, community meetings, other)

How frequently?

Are you aware of the information repository at ImagineIF Library – Columbia Falls?

Is this location convenient for the community?

Are you interested in being on the mailing list to receive information updates on environmental cleanup activities at the Site? ☐Yes ☐No

If so, can we confirm your address (and e-mail address)?

Communication Preferences:

<i>Would you prefer EPA to present at an existing community meeting (for a shorter period of time) or plan a separate community meeting (that can be more thorough)?</i>	
<i>Can you suggest a convenient day, time, and location for future meetings and outreach from EPA about the site?</i>	
<i>How often would you like to receive updates about the site?</i>	
<i>Where should information be disseminated and flyers/meeting announcements posted – community center, place of worship, website, community festival/event?</i>	
<i>What are the most popular newspapers/radio stations in the area?</i>	
<i>Are there any holidays or culturally important days outside of federal holidays when we should avoid having meetings and other activities?</i>	

Who should we talk to?

Do you know of any organizations, groups, or service clubs in the area that discuss the site/contamination or are concerned about the site?

Can you suggest any other people or groups that should be contacted for additional information or to be updated by the EPA?

Closing Questions

After EPA addresses the site cleanup what should happen to the cleaned up land?	
What would be the best outcome from EPA's involvement in the cleanup of the site in your community?	
Is there any other pertinent information you would like to share with us at this time?	

Are there other water, soil, or air issues related to the contamination that the EPA Superfund team should be aware of?